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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

6
7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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9 PAUL RAYMOND PRITCHARD, 1:10-cv-446-GSA (PC)
10 Plaintiff,
11 vs.
12 PATRICIA M. SCHNEGG,
13 Defendants.

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15 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to
16 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

17 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity
18 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants
19 reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions
20 giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action
21 is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in
22 which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).

23 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Los Angeles
24 County, which is in the Central District of California. Therefore, plaintiff’s claim should have been
25 filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In the interest of
26 justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See
27 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States
2 District Court for the Central District of California.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: March 18, 2010

/s/ **Gary S. Austin**
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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